

Annual Meeting of the American Border Collie Association, Inc.

Sturgis, SD -- September 10, 2008
Boulder Canyon Station Convention Center

Following a dinner sponsored by ABCA, Jim Swift called the meeting to order.

He asked if a quorum was present. Patty Rogers announced that there were 4,321 ballots mailed to eligible voters and 653 were returned along with those present at the meeting which constitutes a quorum as presented in the letter from Alexander, Van Loon, Sloan, Levens and Favre.

Patty Rogers distributed a copy of the minutes to all of those present. Motion was made by Gary Westbrook to approve the minutes as distributed. Norma Stewart 2nd the motion. All approved.

A financial statement was also distributed that had been prepared by AVL. Motion was made and 2nd to accept the financial statement as presented. All approved.

Eileen Stein asked Mark Billadeau to give the report from the Health & Genetics Committee that consisted of Mike Neary, Kate Ash, Sally Lacy, Amy Coapman, Eileen and Mark. He stated that Dr. Acland, who was present at the meeting, had seen 112 dogs that day and found 1 with CEA. He would be testing again tomorrow.

He also explained that the ABCA has been supporting a study conducted by Dr. Rory Todhunter of Cornell University to determine whether the Dorsolateral Subluxation (DLS) technique of evaluating hips is a good early predictor of Border Collies' hip conformation at 2 years or older. The DLS x-rays were taken at 8-10 months of age, with the dog in a more natural position than used with any of the other methods. The hips were then evaluated by the widely accepted OFA technique once the dogs had reached 2 years of age.

Based on the data from between 40 and 50 Border Collies who have completed the study, Dr. Todhunter concluded that "for the current population of Border Collies, the DLS score does not provide any better prediction over currently available radiographic methods."

Statistically, it's very hard to prove a predictive relationship when a study includes only a small number of dogs, or when the dogs are similar rather than varied in their hip characteristics. Our working Border Collie subjects did not have a wide distribution of hips ranging from dysplastic to "excellent" hips; all the dogs in our study had hips "within normal limits." The H&G Committee thought it likely that even if we continued the study to include a greater number of dogs, we would not get a wide enough range of hip quality to yield significant

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Annual Memberships Due before January 1, 2009

Reminder: Membership is required to be able to register dogs with ABCA.

All annual memberships expire on January 1 of each calendar year. To be eligible to vote in the 2009 elections, your membership must be paid prior to January 1, 2009. Be sure to mail your membership dues in as soon as possible. Annual membership fees are \$10 (\$10.50 if paid by credit card). Lifetime membership fees are also available for the cost of \$100 (\$110.00 if paid by credit card).

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results.

At the same time our study was being conducted, Cornell University bred a colony of dogs (Greyhound x Labrador Retriever) with a wide range in hip quality specifically for studying the genetics of hip dysplasia. Using this colony Dr. Todhunter and his colleagues compared the DLS technique to other hip evaluation techniques. That study proved the utility of the DLS technique and it is currently being used in hip dysplasia research in universities around the world.

Based upon that published study and the results of our study, the ABCA Health & Genetics Committee has ended our DLS hips study. Those dogs that were already enrolled in the study and tested at 8-10 months are being allowed to complete the study by getting the OFA evaluation at age two.

Dr. Acland then gave a report on Dr. Rory Todhunter's hip work.

Next Mark stated that the Epilepsy study was ongoing and they were working on a report. It was not a simple gene related disease, but they had discovered 1 gene related to early onset deafness and would soon be publishing a report.

Jim then asked for Patty to announce the election results. The new directors would be Angie Coker-Sells, Emil Luedecke, Allen Hickenbottom, and Michele Howard.

Next Jim asked Bruce Fogt to give his report. Bruce began with a brief history of the American Border Collie Association and led into the 2008 Hall of Fame award which was given to Patty Rogers. Bruce quoted the figures of how many dogs have been registered since she became secretary in 1986 and stated that the Association was in debt at the time and now has the attached financial statement that was presented. Patty accepted the award from Bruce.

There being no other business, motion was made and 2nd to adjourn the meeting.

PROMOTIONAL MONEY AVAILABLE THRU ABCA

Promotional money is available for request from any ABCA member to use to promote the working border collie in their area. Events often include trials, clinics, 4-H projects, etc. A written request stating what your request is for, how it will promote the border collie and the amount of money requested must be submitted to the office prior to the two deadlines of February 15 and July 15 each year. Funding for these projects comes from a designated fund that accumulates from each registration at the rate of \$1 per dog registered. Funds are allotted to the state of the member where the order originates. If multi-state projects want to request funding, a member from each state involved must make a request.

These funds are accumulated each day as registrations are processed. The amount available by state as of November, 2008 was as follows:

State/ Province	Amount Available	State/ Province	Amount Available	State/ Province	Amount Available	State/ Province	Amount Available
AB	\$ 140.50	ID	\$ 1,197.50	NB	\$ 91.50	PR	\$ 8.00
AK	\$ 145.50	IL	\$ 574.00	NC	\$ 2,528.50	QC	\$ 287.50
AL	\$ 1,679.00	IN	\$ 1,428.00	ND	\$ 1,117.50	RI	\$ 82.00
AR	\$ 74.00	KS	\$ 247.00	NE	\$ 1,064.50	SC	\$ 477.50
AZ	\$ 931.50	KY	\$ 846.00	NH	\$ 434.50	SD	\$ 655.00
BC	\$ 305.00	LA	\$ 4,362.00	NJ	\$ 810.50	SK	\$ 292.50
CA	\$ 844.00	MA	\$ 763.00	NM	\$ 324.00	TN	\$ 742.00
CO	\$ 292.50	MB	\$ 110.00	NS	\$ 5.00	TX	\$ 1,258.00
CT	\$ 442.00	MD	\$ 301.00	NV	\$ 769.50	UT	\$ 425.50
DC	\$ 2.00	ME	\$ 885.00	NY	\$ 878.19	VA	\$ 2,464.50
DE	\$ 55.00	MI	\$ 409.00	OH	\$ 2,002.00	VT	\$ 282.00
FL	\$ 406.00	MN	\$ 1,193.50	OK	\$ 2,014.00	WA	\$ 239.00
GA	\$ 949.00	MO	\$ 2,118.00	ON	\$ 764.00	WI	\$ 424.50
HI	\$ 4.50	MS	\$ 630.50	OR	\$ 385.50	WV	\$ 1,000.00
IA	\$ 399.50	MT	\$ 1,222.00	PA	\$ 1,116.50	WY	\$ 696.00

Grant funds are also available from the ABCA. These grants often don't fall into a category for promotional funds and are not allocated by state. A Grant Request form is available on the website and the deadline for grant requests is January 15 of each year.

AMERICAN BORDER COLLIE ASSOCIATION, INC.
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND OTHER CHANGES IN NET ASSETS -
MODIFIED CASH BASIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED FEBRUARY 29, 2008

REVENUES

Annual Memberships	\$ 23,981
Lifetime Memberships	14,753
Registration Fees	141,728
Transfer Fees	20,989
Miscellaneous	4,265
Investment Income	<u>20,917</u>
 Total revenues	 <u>226,633</u>

EXPENSES

Program Services	
Prize monies awarded	20,200
Promotional support to members	15,300
Research support	4,132
Trials sponsorship	<u>20,200</u>
Total program services	<u>59,832</u>

General and administrative

Advertising	1,702
Annual meeting expenses	1,038
Bank and investment fees	7,373
Computer and technical support	10,718
Depreciation and amortization	3,620
File Storage	3,813
Insurance and bonding	1,581
Office supplies	3,072
Postage and delivery	11,253
Printing and reproduction	2,157
Professional fees	10,420
Rent	3,000
Secretarial fees	73,909
Telephone	3,912
Travel	2,958
Other office expenses	<u>484</u>
Total general and administrative expenses	<u>141,010</u>
Total expenses	<u>200,842</u>

CHANGES IN NET ASSETS	25,791
NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	615,466
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	<u>\$641,257</u>

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HALL OF FAME NOMINATIONS DUE IN ABCA OFFICE BY JUNE 1, 2009

Application forms available from the office or online at:

www.americanbordercollie.org